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SUBJ: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH GAYLARD AND GEORGE SMITH

1. GRAHAM AND I LUNCED WITH GAYLARD AND CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT GEORGE SMITH. THE TWO HAD BEEN SPENDING THE LAST TWO DAYS DEFENDING THE NEW INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONSTITUTION IS NOW COMPLETED. THE PROPOSAL FARED WELL IN THE COUNCIL. THE ONLY MAJOR MODIFICATION WAS TO DENY TO THE GOVERNMENT THE RIGHT OF DETENTION EXCEPT UNDER THE EMERGENCY POWERS. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE CONSTITUTION WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE MONTH AND WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST.

2. GAYLARD WAS NOT ENCOURAGING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE MARCH 3 AGREEMENT AT AN ALL PARTIES MEETING. HE DENIED THAT SMITH HAD INDICATED TO US IN OUR MEETING THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT MODIFICATION OF THE MARCH 3 AGREEMENT HAD TO BE MADE IF A MEETING WAS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AND HE SEEMED TO SEE THE FUNCTION OF A MEETING SIMPLY TO
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BRING NKOMO INTO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

3. ON MECHANICS GAYLARD INDICATED THAT LUANGWA MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO MUZOREWA. GEORGE SMITH SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WERE ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF ACCOMMODATIONS THERE AND NO CONFERENCE HALL. MEETINGS ARE OUTSIDE.

4. THE LUNCHEON DID SERVE AS AN OCCASION FOR US TO ARRANGE
A MEETING WITH IAN SMITH FOR MONDAY THE 17TH.
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